

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees.

The specification is amended herein so as to include the cross-reference noting on page 1 thereof to the co-pending US application the subject application claims the benefit of.

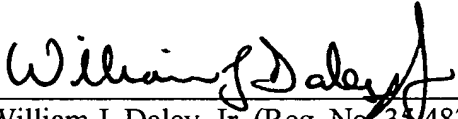
Included herewith is a marked-up version of the amendments to the subject application by the current amendment. The marked-up versions are found on the page(s) with a section caption or title "Details of Amendments" that follow the signature page of the within Response.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1 insert/ add the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. application serial number 09/694,112, filed October 20, 2000, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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